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Serial No.: 09/682,876  
Filed: October 26, 2001  
Applicant: Mark Duchow  
Title: System and Method for Providing Electronic Vouchers  
Examiner:  
Art Unit:  
Docket: 670715-90029  
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions to make the above-referenced application special. According to the procedure outlined in MPEP 708.02 (II), an application may be granted special status because of actual infringement upon payment of the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) and the filing of a petition accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney registered to practice before the Office alleging:

- (A) That there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use;
- (B) That a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, product, or method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in his or her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and

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(C) That he or she has made or caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art or has a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art.

**Remarks**

In compliance with the requirements of MPEP 708.02 (II), Applicant hereby submits this petition, including the following statement.

Pursuant to MPEP 708.02 (II), Paragraph A, Applicant hereby states that there is an infringing method in use by a party not authorized by Applicant. More specifically, the method for system and method for providing electronic vouchers used on the website [www.stingraycash.com](http://www.stingraycash.com) infringes some of the claims in the above-referenced application.

Pursuant to MPEP 708.02 (II), Paragraph B, Applicant hereby states that a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in Applicant's opinion, at least claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17, and 18 are unquestionably infringed.

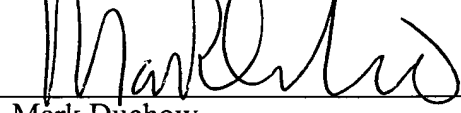
Pursuant to MPEP 708.02 (II), Paragraph C, Applicant hereby states that he has a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art. Since the art is already of record in this application, Applicant has not enclosed copies of the listed references.

**Conclusion**

Accordingly, Applicant believes that it has complied with all of the requirements of MPEP 708.02 (II) and respectfully requests that this petition be granted.

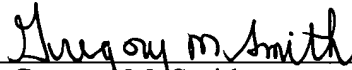
Dated: 10-30-01

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Duchow  
Applicant

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130.00 petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h), to charge any additional required fees, or to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 170055.



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